

W. C. T. U. Column.

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W. C. T. U. WATCHWORDS: ORGANIZE! EDUCATE! AGITATE!

W. C. T. U. PRINCIPLES: Total Abstinence; Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic; One Standard of Morals for Men and Women; Home Protection; Equal Suffrage; and the Teaching of Scientific Temperance in Public Schools.

Moral Advances.

The cause of temperance has had a great triumph in Ohio in the passage of the county local option law. This has been the objective point toward which the temperance forces of the State have been working and fighting in recent years. There was first secured a local option law for townships; then one for municipalities; then one for residential districts; and now one for counties. All of these are in force at present, and all, except the last, have been declared constitutional by the Supreme Court. It is certain that this will be the last of the test. And now the people of Ohio can vote the saloon out of any of the townships, municipalities, counties or residence districts in which a majority of the people are opposed to it. It would seem that the saloon must go from all the counties of the State except a very small number.

But the cause of honesty and honor and manhood has also had a triumph. The liquor forces did everything in their power to prevent the passage of the bill. Every form of blandishment and threatening and intimidation was brought to bear upon the men who stood up for temperance. The margin was small in the Senate. A change of a very few votes would have defeated the bill there. Every one knows that the liquor forces would have willingly poured out their thousands to turn a few votes to their side. But men and votes were not for sale. A Cincinnati brewer is reported to have said on last Saturday night: "We had \$200,000 at Columbus, but not a vote was for sale."

A more sturdy, determined, wholesome fight was never made against unrighteousness, and for home and right and honor, in any legislative body than was made by that majority in the Ohio Legislature. All honor to men who would not be driven or deceived or bought off from doing what was right. It gives one a new, wholesome regard for men in public life to see such exhibitions of sturdiness.

Men in public life realize, and are compelled to realize their responsibility to those whom they represent. The eyes of the people are on them in every word and every vote. If the people are clearly and boldly outspoken on the great questions that come up for discussion, their law makers are not apt to swerve. As never before the people are demanding good laws, and they are securing them. Good sense and fairness are the leading characteristics of our temperance legislation. The people have a right to decide in any locality against the saloon. It ought not to be forced on any community that is opposed to it. Local option is eminently fair and just, and is working out great and good results, as it spreads from township to township, county to county, city to city, and State to State.—Herald and Presbyter.

Brewers And Their Advocates.

It is announced as something new that the brewers of the West are about to subscribe a large sum of money for the purpose of carrying on an energetic campaign against prohibition.

If the so-called new movement merely contemplates disbursing more money for these purposes it is much more likely to extend than it is to restrict dry territory. The beer business is affected almost as injuriously by its advocates as it is by its assailants, and that is one of the principal reasons why in a pitched battle it so frequently loses.

Not much that has been written or spoken in behalf of the saloon business, which is really the issue in most places, has had the results intended. If that occupation has impressed itself upon the people in such a manner as to gain their ill will the brewers themselves are largely to blame, for they have controlled most of the saloons.

The whole scheme of brewery-owned and brewery controlled saloons is offensive to most men and no amount of purchased argument will change the opinion—Union Signal.

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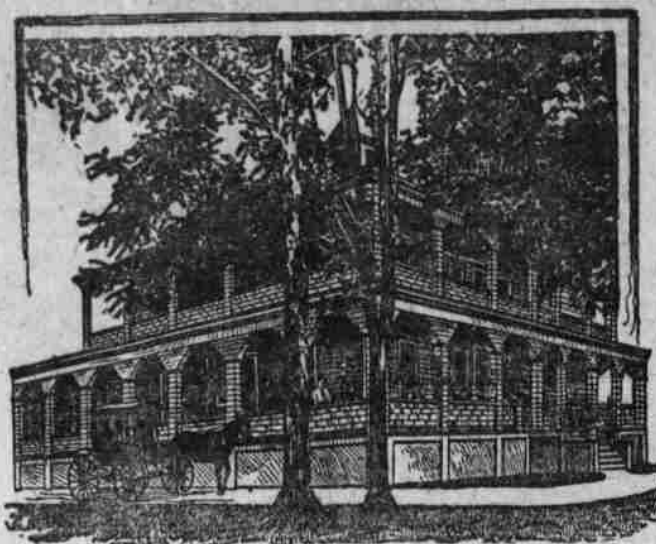
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March 10, 1908.

WALTER RUBLE, Administrator.